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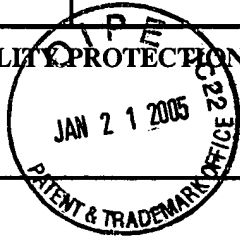
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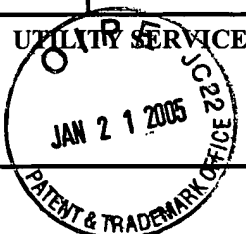

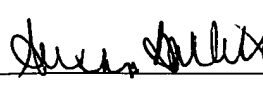
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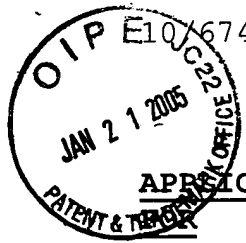
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EXAMINER : Sherman D. Basinger
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O.Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action
(Confirmation No. 4532) dated October 18, 2004, on which a
three-month shortened statutory period for response is set
to expire January 18, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification extend from page
2 to page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the
listing of claims which extends from page 4 to page 11 of
this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 12 of
this paper, and include an appendix with replacement sheets
of formal drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.